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THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY,
AND STAFF CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY.

TODAY'S COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE IS THE CULMINATION OF YOUR
HARD WORK AND INTELLECTUAL EFFORT, WHICH SHOULD BE DULY
NOTED AND PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED. MAY ALL OF YOUR DREAMS AND
WISHES BRING FORTH A PROSPEROUS FUTURE. CONGRATULATIONS!



NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

2018 UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

OF THE

ABRAHAM S. FISCHLER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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H. WAYNE HUIZENGA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

RICK CASE ARENA AT THE
DON TAFT UNIVERSITY CENTER
DAVIE, FLORIDA

Friday, the Eleventh of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MARSHAL

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

DEGREE CANDIDATES

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UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

COMMENCEMENT 2018

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

*Processional

Crown Imperial (1937) Walton

Convening the Commencement.....Jamie Tartar, Ph.D.
Grand Marshal
College of Psychology

Presiding Officer.....George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

**The Star Spangled Banner*Key/Smith

*O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

Welcome and Introductions.....Ralph V. Rogers, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Opening Remarks George L. Hanbury II

Presentation of The James Farquhar Award Brad A. Williams, Ed.D.
Dean, College of Undergraduate Studies

Presentation of Outstanding Student Awards Brad A. Williams

Recognition of Honors College and Honor Society Graduates Don Rosenblum, Ph.D.
Dean, Farquhar Honors College

Address on Behalf of the Graduates for Morning CeremonyMariah Alicea Low
Class of '18

Address on Behalf of the Graduates for Afternoon Ceremony Shaina Shatana Nembhard
Class of '18

**The audience should stand during this part of the ceremony.*

Presentation of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree	George L. Hanbury II
Commencement Address	Cleveland Ferguson III, J.D. (Biographical sketch in back of program)
Presentation of Graduates	Ralph V. Rogers
Conferral of Degrees	George L. Hanbury II
Farewell	George L. Hanbury II
Dismissal of the Commencement	Jamie Tartar
*Nova Southeastern University Anthem	Cavanaugh

Hail Thee, Nova Southeastern!
Bright sun shining new;
Radiant star of our morning,
Ever rising, true;

May thy wisdom serve as our constant guide
and thy love a beacon strong,
as throughout the world we spread thy name
joining voice in grateful song:

Nova Southeastern, Alma Mater,
By thy light imbue,
Service, honor, loyalty,
'til our days are through.

Love Thee, Gray and Blue!

*Recessional

La Rejouissance Handel
From Music for the Royal Fireworks

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MORNING CEREMONY

THE JAMES FARQUHAR AWARD

Valentina Ramirez

Biology

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DISTINGUISHED HONOREE

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Cleveland Ferguson III, J.D., is senior vice president and chief administrative officer at the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) and the former deputy chief administrative officer at the Consolidated City of Jacksonville. Prior to these executive positions, Ferguson was a law professor for more than 10 years.

Since joining the JTA in July 2015, Ferguson has transformed the agency, which was recognized as the Transit System of the Year by the American Public Transit Association. He was recently commended for motivating employees to realize their full potential through the JTA Enterprise Metrics Management System, a performance management system that evaluates individual contributions using shared metrics.

As deputy chief administrative officer at the City of Jacksonville, Ferguson led efforts to expand the use of analytics, reform the delivery of citizen-based services, and increase transparency in city operations. While serving as deputy, he coordinated the Renew Jax effort, a public-private partnership that invested in infrastructure and community development projects in some of the most neglected areas of the city.

A 1997 graduate of Florida State University College of Law, Ferguson served as research editor of the *Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law* and was a Public Service Fellow, Florida Bar Foundation Scholar, and lead advocate of the Mock Trial Team. He was elected the 1996–1997 Student Senator of the Year.

After practicing law, Ferguson returned to his alma mater, Nova Southeastern University, where he served as director of Student Activities and Leadership Development. He also was a visiting assistant professor at NSU's Shepard Broad College of Law. As a professor of law at Florida Coastal School of Law, he later taught in the areas of commercial law, constitutional law, and international human rights and established an American Bar Association-accredited study abroad program in Clermont-Ferrand, France. In 2010, he was named Professor of the Year. His articles in law journals and chapters in books have been cited by courts and scholars, and his work in contracts and constitutional law has been translated into four languages. He has served as editor of the Human Rights Section of *The International Lawyer* and the *American and Caribbean Law Initiative Journal*. He is currently the 11th permanent editor of *The Kappa Alpha Psi Journal*. His textbook, *A Practical Approach to Florida Constitutional Law*, will be published in 2019.

At NSU, Ferguson earned a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies in 1994, with a minor in communications and a specialty in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. He was a two-term student body president, NSU Student of the Year, Florida Student of the Year finalist, and homecoming king. While serving as editor in chief of *The Nova Knight*, NSU's student newspaper, he also was a Henry E. Kinney Journalism Scholar.

Ferguson has a distinguished record of board service in nonprofit, legal, and international associations, holding leadership roles with the Florida Bar, the Florida Bar Foundation, and the American Bar Association Section of International Law. He participated in the 2017 APTA International Study Mission and the Class of 2017 ENO Transit Senior Executive Program, a leadership development program for public and private transit executives. He is a member of Leadership Broward Class XXIII, Leadership Jacksonville (2010), and Leadership Florida Class XXXIII.

JAMES FARQUHAR AWARD



Valentina Ramirez, a biology major, is from Medellin, Colombia. A student in the Dual Admission Program for Osteopathic Medicine, she completed her Honors citation in the Farquhar Honors College. She is an honorary member of the Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society and has been on the Dean's List for six semesters. For the past two years, she has been a member of the President's 64. Ramirez has participated in many presentations. In 2016, she presented twice at the Southern Regional Meeting for Human Anatomy and Physiology Society under the titles "Mobilizing College Students in Health Professional Studies to Provide Science Outreach Activities to the Community" and "Linking Protein Structure and Function to Medical Applications Through 3-D Molecular Modeling." In 2017 she also presented at the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology under the title "Developing 3-D Molecular Models to Highlight the Angiotensin II Type I Receptor and Olmesartan Binding for Medical and Educational Applications"

and later presented the same work at the 2017 Undergraduate Student Symposium. In 2018, she presented at the Life Sciences South Florida STEM Undergraduate Research Symposium under the title, "Identified SNPs Frequency Trends in Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Patients Used for the Development of Improved Diagnosis and for Potential Biomarkers Establishment" and later presented the same research at the 2018 Undergraduate Student Symposium. She is currently waiting for her research—with O.T. Eldakar, Ph.D.; J. Tartar, Ph.D.; D. Garcia, B.S.; and M. Dauzonne, Y. Armani, and A.C. Gallup for "Acute physical stress modulates the temporal expression of self-reported contagious yawning in humans"—to be published in the *Adaptive Human Behavior and Physiology* journal. She has also researched "The Effects of Warming and Cooling the Carotid Artery on the Onset of Contagious Yawning."

In 2016, Ramirez participated in a study abroad experience to Medizinische Universität Graz, Austria, where she participated in C-sections, tumor resections, and plastic surgeries, along with assisting in organ transplant surgeries as part of an internship program. In the summer of 2015, she was able to shadow surgeons of different fields at the Cleveland Clinic. In the same summer, she also interned as a medical assistant for Dr. Ayala's Internal Medicine Clinic. Her certifications include medical assistant, basic life support, phlebotomy, and electrocardiogram. At Health Occupations Students of America competitions, she received first place in the regional and state competition and fourth place in the national competition in medical terminology. Since 2014, Ramirez has been a member of ScienceAlive! as an instructor and was secretary for the Best Buddies organization. While a student, she worked as a supplemental biology instructor for the Tutoring and Testing Center.

Since 2015, Ramirez has been a member of the Community Emergency Response Team for the Davie Fire Department, and she has been a first aid volunteer for several marathons and 5K races. She is fluent in English and Spanish and can communicate in conversational German. She will begin attending the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, for medical school and while attending will be working on being commissioned into the Navy.

MORNING UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Mariah Alicea Low, a biology major with a minor in business studies, is from Georgetown, Guyana. She completed her Honors Citation in the Farquhar Honors College and has been on the Dean's List every semester at Nova Southeastern University. While a student in the Honors College, she served as an Honors Advocate for Dean Don Rosenblum, Ph.D., and is a member of the Tri-Beta Biological Honors Society. She is also a member of the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority, NSU's Presidential Society, and Medicine, Education, and Development for Low-Income Families Everywhere (MEDLIFE).

In 2015 she participated in the Clinical Exploration Program, which allowed her to shadow students from the College of Dental Medicine and the College of Optometry. In 2015 she was admitted into the Dual Admission Program for Enrolled Students (DAPES) for Dental Medicine program and will be attending NSU's College of Dental Medicine.

Low traveled to Riobamba, Ecuador, with MEDLIFE in 2017 to help provide medical relief to underserved communities. Her experience opened her eyes to the medical and social issues that affect these communities. She enjoyed educating younger residents about oral health and teaching them even the simplest of tasks, like brushing their teeth.

As a volunteer for ScienceAlive!, Low visited local elementary schools for after-school programs, teaching the children basic science concepts in a fun, innovative, and interactive environment. In Georgetown, Guyana, she volunteered at local orphanages to help educate and raise money for their maintenance. She participated in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity's Miss Black Diamond 2016 Pageant, helping to raise money for the Broward Partnership for the Homeless and the Haiti Relief Fund. From 2016 to 2018 she worked for America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses as a lab technician. Before starting at NSU's College of Dental Medicine next fall, she will return home to Guyana as a dental assistant volunteering in underserved communities. She also plans to travel to Ireland.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

ABRAHAM S. FISCHLER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



Danielle Elizabeth Pierce, an education major for pre-K and primary education, is from Breezy Point, New York. She has been a member of the Alpha Chi honor society since 2017 and has attained Dean's List recognition for five semesters as a student in the Farquhar Honors College. For four months in 2018 she interned at Discovery Elementary under the supervision of her cooperating teacher. In the summer of 2016, Pierce participated in a study abroad program in Dublin, Ireland, under the supervision of David Killroy, Ph.D. Highlights included meeting new people in her field, learning and exploring a new country, and experiencing European culture firsthand.

Pierce served as vice president (2015–2016) and was president/captain (2016–2018) for NSU Equestrian. In 2017, Pierce was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award for her participation on the equestrian team. For the past two years, she served as a member of the Club Sports Council and has been a contributor for NSU's *Digression* magazine. Pierce served as a site leader on a weekend trip to Tavares, Florida, running a Special Olympics basketball tournament organized by Sharks and Service. While a student, Pierce worked in the office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement for a year and worked as a Writing Fellow at NSU for the past three years. For the next two years, Pierce will be teaching in a low-income school in Orlando, Florida, as a Teach for America corps member. She hopes to pursue a master's degree in English for Speakers of Other Languages while working in Orlando.

Brianna N. Reeves

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

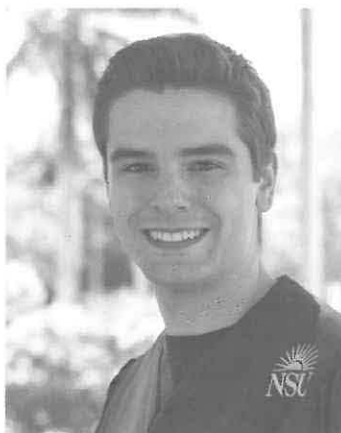


Christopher Charles Carita, a sociology major, is from Brooklyn, New York, and has been on the Dean's List for two semesters. From 2005–2009, he served in the New York Police Department as a member of the Anti-Crime Unit. Since 2009, he has been a detective with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in the Street Crimes Division and is also a member of the Crisis Negotiation Team. Since 2013, he has been a member of the Florida Association of Hostage Negotiators, and he has been a union steward for the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 31 in Fort Lauderdale since 2016. While serving the community as a police officer and detective he has received 14 department commendations and 6 public commendations for outstanding police service. Carita will be pursuing his master's degree in public health at Nova Southeastern University and hopes to develop collaborative efforts between public health services and police to reduce violence. He has been married nine years to his incredible wife Tara Michelle Rose, with whom he has two beautiful sons, Hudson Michael and August James.



Nicole Isabel Chavannes, an English major with a minor in writing, is from Hollywood, Florida, and has been on the Dean's List several semesters. She was the editor in chief of *Digressions*, a literary magazine, from 2016–2018. One year was considered an internship experience with the Department of Writing and Communication under the guidance of Professor Molly Scanlon, Ph.D. Some of her works were published in *Digressions* in both the 13th and 14th volumes. Chavannes worked as a Writing Fellow at the Writing Center from 2016–2017 and was the copy editor of NSU's student-run newspaper, *The Current*, 2017–2018. She plans to continue her education by pursuing her M.A. in Composition, Rhetoric, and Digital Media from NSU's Department of Writing and Communication. Chavannes hopes to have a career in publishing.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING



Henry Paul Koenig, a computer science major with a minor in information assurance/security, is from Starksboro, Vermont. He has been a member of the Tau Sigma National Honor Society since 2016 and has obtained Dean's List recognition for five semesters. He has interned with Citrix Systems for the past two semesters as a salesforce developer. After graduation, Koenig will begin working full time at Citrix Systems as a salesforce systems analyst.

DR. PALLAVI PATEL COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES



Irfan Ali Khan, a double major in athletic training and biology, is from West Palm Beach, Florida. He has been a member of the Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honors Society and Alpha Chi National Honor Society since 2016 and a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi since 2018. For six semesters, he has been on the Dean's List. He coauthored and presented a clinical case study titled "The Invisible Fracture: Salter-Harris Type I Metatarsal Fractures in Middle School Football Players" in 2018 with professors P. Vanguri, Ph.D., and A. Sharp-Brown, M.S. In 2016, he researched the effect of pre- and post-exercise cooling on performance with professors M. Colas, Ph.D.; C. Peacock, Ph.D.; and D. Gatens, M.S. From 2015–2016 he also conducted research with D. Carreira, M.D., on preoperative hip dysplasia radiological examination. During that time, Khan also participated in the Clinical Exploration Program. With Professor S. Norris, D.O., he was a clinical observation student for the Palm Beach Orthopedic Institute in Palm Beach Gardens. For six months in 2016, he was the game captain for the Muslim

Students' Association and has participated in Intramural Competitive Flag Football in 2014, 2016, and 2018.

In the summer of 2017, Khan volunteered for the Children's Health Andrews Institute in Plano, Texas, with Professor J. Polousky, M.D. He served as an ambassador and mentor for the Elementary School Science program from 2014–2017 and served as a committee member for Relay for Life 2014–2016. Khan has also volunteered for the Muslim Community of South Florida since 2014 and has participated and held leadership roles in HOSA—Future Health Professionals, an international student-led organization. These roles included inter-organization council representative and Florida HOSA state parliamentarian (2015–2016), Florida HOSA southern vice president, collegiate (2016–2017), and the current international postsecondary/collegiate vice president. In 2015, he participated in the sports medicine competition and was national champion for HOSA. Khan is looking forward to continuing his studies of medicine at Florida International University's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in the fall.

COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGY



Joshua Philip Braverman, a psychology major with a minor in honors transdisciplinary studies, is from Cooper City, Florida. A member of the Alpha Chi honor society, he was vice president of Nova Southeastern University's Chapter of the Psi Chi psychological honor society 2017–2018. He has made the Dean's List for six semesters. As a student in the Farquhar Honors College for four years, he completed a General Citation in Honors while completing his major in psychology. Working closely with Weylin Sternglanz, Ph.D., since his sophomore year, he has participated in multiple local and national conference presentations and has two pending publications. Braverman presented at the 19th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in Atlanta, Georgia, under the title of "Personality Judgments from Deceptive and Non-Deceptive Communications," and at Nova Southeastern University's Leadership Conference on two topics: "Two Ears and One Mouth: How to Navigate Organizational Crises" and "Giving Is Receiving." He was

also invited to present at NSU's Board of Trustees Recognition Luncheon Student Research Fair on the topic of "Individual Differences in Deception Judgments, Personality Judgments, and Meta-Accuracy." He has a manuscript currently being prepared titled "The role of cheating and Big Five traits in deception detection accuracy and meta-accuracy" with other faculty member and student contributions to the overall manuscript. He has also had some of his research work published under the *Palgrave Handbook of Deceptive Communication* on the topic of "A Review of Meta-Analyses of Deception Research, he attended the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference in 2017 and 2018.

Since 2015, Braverman has participated in NSU's Relay for Life. He served as NSU's Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement Sharks and Service site leader from 2015 to 2016 and was the founding president for NSU's Circle K International from January to October of 2015. He held several leadership positions with the Alpha Delta Tau chapter of Alpha Phi Omega including sergeant at arms (2015–2016), service vice president (2016–2017), and treasurer (2017–2018). From 2017 to 2018, Braverman was the bylaws chairman of the Florida Omicron Colony of Phi Delta Theta and served as the community service chairman this year. He has also volunteered as a crisis counselor for the Crisis Text Line since 2016. During the same period, he has worked as a civic engagement program assistant for the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at NSU.

Braverman has received several awards and recognitions as a student, including the Living the Values recognition for research and scholarship from the Farquhar Honors College and the college's Student of the Year award, both in 2018. In 2015–2016 and 2017–2018, he was recognized as the Highly Engaged Student from his college. He received the Junior Student of the Year recognition during the NSU Student Leadership Awards in 2017. Alpha Phi Omega has recognized Braverman with the Cardinal Principles Award in Leadership and the Distinguished Service Key Award (2018). He plans to pursue his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities in the social sub-area in psychology.



Lindsay Louise Craig, a psychology major, is from Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. She was a student in the Dual Admission Program for clinical psychology and also a student in the Farquhar Honors College for a psychology research track. For maintaining a 3.8 grade point average or higher, she attained the Dean's List for five semesters, also receiving the Athletic Directors Award for five semesters. She has been a member of the Psi Chi Honor Society since 2015, was the secretary for the society from 2016 to 2017, and president from 2017 to 2018. She has also been a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society since 2017. For three years, she has conducted research with Professor Jonathan Banks, Ph.D., examining memory, mind wandering, affect, and mindfulness meditation. This research is currently being prepared for a manuscript for "Mindfulness and Mind Wandering: Does Emotional Valence of Thought Content Matter?"

Craig has also participated in several presentations including "Are Some Thoughts 'Stickier' Than Others? Examining Emotionally Valenced Mind Wandering" at NSU's Undergraduate Student Symposium in 2018; "Disengaging the Wandering Mind: Examining the Role of Emotional Valence" at Life Sciences of South Florida in Miami, Florida, in 2018; "Changing Your Thoughts: The Impact of a Brief Mindfulness Training" at Life Sciences of South Florida, West Palm Beach, Florida; and "Stress Cognitive Functioning, Mind Wandering, and Mindfulness: A Latent Variable Examination" at the 2017 Undergraduate Student Symposium. She has interned at the State of Wisconsin's Department of Health Services, Central Wisconsin Center, in Madison, Wisconsin, during the summer of 2017, where she helped provide short-term and residential services to assist individuals living with intellectual disabilities. In 2018, she conducted her practicum work at the Mailman Segal Center for Human Development, working in early intervention programs for children 18 to 36 months old who were exhibiting delays in language and social skills.

She was on the NSU's women's swim teams that won Sunshine State Conference Championships in 2015, 2017, and 2018, serving as captain of the team from 2016 to 2018. From 2016 to 2017, she also served as the swim team's APPLE representative by attending educational workshops addressing substance abuse in athletics and sharing information with her team. In 2017, Craig served as a Psychology Student Ambassador for incoming students to the psychology program. She has volunteered for NSU's Fitwell program from 2016 to 2017 and was part of the marketing team 2014–2016, serving as the president 2015–2016. She was also the head of the Spirit Committee 2014–2015.

Craig has volunteered for many events including A Day for Children (2016 and 2017), Earth Day beach clean-up (2018), StoryFest (2018), Million Meal Pack (2017), LifeNet4Families, Feeding South Florida, Key West Environmental Sharks and Service trip (2016), Relay for Life, Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Disability Expo (2014 and 2015), Out of the Darkness Walk (2015), Hurricane Preparedness volunteer (2015), Branches Thanksgiving Day meal preparer and distributor (2015), Cesar Chavez Day of Service (2015), Hope Floats event for Tomorrow's Rainbow (2015), and the Flamingo Gardens Halloween Night (2014). This summer, she will be working as a registered behavior technician conducting in-home therapy for children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. In the fall, she will continue her education at NSU in the Ph.D. program for clinical psychology. Craig hopes to be a clinical sports psychologist.

FARQUHAR HONORS COLLEGE



Romany Youssef Harkas, a biology major with minors in chemistry, mathematics, and physics, is from Pembroke Pines, Florida. As a student in the Farquhar Honors College, he defended his research thesis in order to receive his Honors Research Citation. He presented the same research at the 2018 Undergraduate Student Symposium, "Investigating the Microbiota of Storm Water Treatment Areas," under the guidance of Aarti Raja, Ph.D.; Paul Baldauf, Ph.D.; and Jose Lopez, Ph.D. Harkas is also a student in the Dual Admission Program for osteopathic medicine and a member of the Tri-Beta National Biological Honor Society. He was president of the Orthodox Christian Campus Ministries, vice president of the Physician to Patient student organization, and a member of the Cozy Corners and the Chem Club. He is an active servant at St. John the Baptist Coptic Orthodox Church. While a student, he has worked part time as lab staff from 2014 to 2015 and as a lab assistant from 2015 to 2018 for general chemistry, organic chemistry,

biochemistry, and physics. He will be starting medical school in the fall and, after graduating, hopes to offer free health care to local, underserved communities and revolutionize medicine by advancing the use of technology.

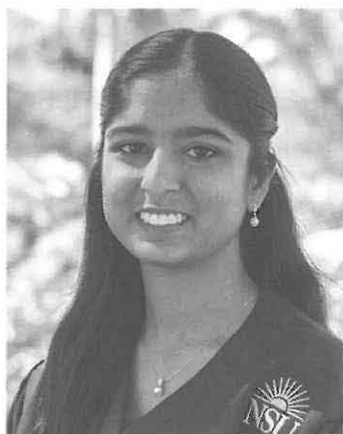


Devon Christine Frazier, a communication studies major with a minor in history, is from Clover, South Carolina. She has been a student in the Farquhar Honors College since 2014 and was inducted as a member of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Association's honor society, in 2017. In 2018, Frazier presented her research entitled "Women—Filmed, Rarely Filming" at the Undergraduate Student Symposium, research she completed with Professor Kathleen Waites, Ph.D., as part of her Women in Film class. For this research, Frazier was awarded the American Association of University Women Award. She participated in a travel study program with Professor Gary Gershman, J.D., Ph.D., as part of the Genocide in the Twentieth Century and Beyond class in 2016. During the trip, she visited Krakow, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Belgrade, Serbia; and Sarajevo, Bosnia. The experience has convinced her to stand up for what she believes in.

From 2016 to 2017, Frazier worked as a student marketing assistant in the Office of Recreation and Wellness' RecPlex facility and as a summer housing assistant in the Office of Residential Life and Housing in the summer of 2017. She continued to work with Residential Life as a front office staff member for the last year. For the next six months, she has an internship with the Disney College Program. In the summer of 2019, Frazier will begin the Master of Arts Program in Film and Media Arts at American University in Washington, D.C.

HALMOS COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND OCEANOGRAPHY

Benjamin Eli De Souza



Keerthi D. Thallapureddy, a biology major with minors in business, mathematics, and transdisciplinary honors studies, is from Dallas, Texas. An active student in the Farquhar Honors College, she has served the Honors Student Advisory Board as vice president from 2016 to 2017 and president from 2017 to 2018. Throughout her years at NSU, she has been an honors student advocate. Thallapureddy served as an induction officer of the Alpha Chi Honor Society 2017–2018 and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the TriBeta Biological Honor Society. She was secretary 2015–2016 and president 2016–2017 of Locks for Cause, a community service organization that aims to raise cancer awareness. She also served as the Inter-Organizational Council representative for the Premedical Society from 2016 to 2017. For six straight semesters, beginning in her freshman year in 2015, Thallapureddy made the Dean's List.

In the Farquhar Honors College, Thallapureddy achieved the Research Citation in Honors with her honors thesis, “Evaluation of FAK and MDR1 Crosstalk in Platinum Resistant Ovarian Cancer Cells,” under the guidance of the NSU Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research's director, Appu Rathinavelu, Ph.D., and Arkene Levy, Ph.D. She also has presented her work in poster format at the Cancer Research and Targeted Therapy Conference in Miami, Florida, in the fall of 2017 and plans to present her project at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) conference in spring of 2019.

Beginning in the fall of her freshman year, Thallapureddy began conducting research at the Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute with Rathinavelu and Levy on a group project. This project has been presented in poster format at the Undergraduate Student Symposium in spring 2016, the AACR conference in spring 2016, and the Health Professions Division Research Day in spring 2018. Thallapureddy is preparing paper publications of her research and has already contributed to the writing of the review paper for the *Clinical Cancer Drugs* journal.

During the summer of 2017, Thallapureddy interned at the MD Anderson Cancer Center through an opportunity provided by Aarti Raja, Ph.D.; Deanne Roopnarine, D.P.M.; and Mark Jaffe, D.P.M., from the Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography. She conducted research in the lab of Gabriel Sawakuchi, Ph.D., in the Department of Radiation Physics and presented her poster at the MD Anderson Summer Research Exposition in August 2017. Thallapureddy also won the Best Speech Award and People's Choice Award in the Elevator Speech Competition. She was cited as a coauthor in an abstract published in the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference program book.

Additionally, Thallapureddy has volunteered at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas, every summer since 2015, and she has enjoyed spending time with the elderly at nursing homes in Texas and Florida since high school. In her free time, Thallapureddy enjoys playing the piano and playing tennis. She plans to attend medical school at Texas A&M College of Medicine in the fall. Once she becomes a physician, she hopes to work in underserved countries to make a meaningful impact on people's lives.

H. WAYNE HUIZENGA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Jason Mayberry, a finance major, is from Coral Springs, Florida. A member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society since 2017, he has been on the Dean's List for seven semesters. He served as treasurer for the Investments Club from 2017 to 2018. He was also a member of the Entrepreneurship Club and Economics and Finance Association from 2016 to 2018. In the summer of 2017, Mayberry completed an internship with the Castle Group property management firm. He is also in the United States Army Reserve, where he has served since 2014. He plans to stay at Nova Southeastern University to complete his Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Entrepreneurship. He intends to use his education as a foundation to open his own business in the future.



Mariah Hope Knowles, a finance major, is from Deltona, Florida, and is a Zeta Class member of the Razor's Edge Leadership Scholars Program. This program is focused on engagement of students within the NSU community. She has served on the program's Leadership Council for two years. This council shapes the direction of the program and ensures students within Razor's Edge Leadership are not only engaged, but are aware of what their options are for involvement within the NSU community. She spent her three years at NSU working in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, with two of those years spent as Student Office Manager. As manager, Knowles oversaw the budget for the office alongside the director, supervised the student staff team, and led the full staff department meetings alongside the professional staff.

She also spent three semesters working as a financial accounting supplemental instruction (SI) leader. As an SI leader, Knowles helped students in the introductory accounting course increase their understanding of the course material by facilitating group study sessions. Throughout her tenure at NSU, she learned and grew from being a part of student organizations such as Relay for Life and the Black Student Union, completing the Emerging Leaders Experience I & II, serving as a student ambassador for the President's 64 program, and leading in the Christian student organization Ablaze. Through each of these experiences, she gained a greater understanding of her own leadership abilities, learned how to work with various personality types of other leaders, and discovered the passions she holds most deeply.

Knowles has a passion for community service and participated in three alternative Spring Break trips through NSU's Sharks and Service (SAS) program, including two as site leader. Site leaders for SAS trips plan and organize service experiences for NSU students and facilitate reflection activities for participants throughout the trip. Outside of NSU, Knowles served in the Youth Ministry at Crossway Church and as a sports chaplain for a girl's flag football team through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. While serving in these roles, she lived out the values of NSU as she led with integrity and made it a priority to engage in the community. As she transitions out of NSU, Knowles will be moving to Lakeland, Florida, to help start Agape Community Church.

AFTERNOON UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Shaina Shatana Nembhard, an entry-level nursing major, is from Kellits, Jamaica. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society and the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. Last year, she was the nursing senator for the Student Government Association, and from 2016 to 2018 she was the class representative for the National Student Nursing Association. Nembhard has volunteered for the Haiti Double Harvest Surgical Mission Trip, Miami Rescue Mission, Baptist Hospital's Big Brothers/Big Sisters group, Habitat for Humanity, and Young Talent Big Dreams. In 2017, she received the Haiti Service Award.

Nembhard works as a patient scheduler for Baptist Hospital of Miami. Her plans include pursuing a degree as a nurse practitioner or nurse anesthetist, volunteering in worldwide underserved communities, and traveling.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

ABRAHAM S. FISCHLER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



Elizabeth Dat, an education major, is from Orlando, Florida. From 2015 to 2018, she had field experiences with the assistance of Rubyann Bradshaw, field placement representative, and Lilian Greico, the student intern supervisor. Since 2015, Dat has worked as a shift manager for a Walgreens pharmacy. She has volunteered in the community through Ronald McDonald House Charities (2016), Toys for Tots (2017), and Dragon Boat Festival (2018). She plans to work as an elementary school teacher in intermediate grades, where she can teach a diverse student population of English language learners, special needs students, and gifted students.

In order to be a leader in her field, Dat plans to pursue a master's degree in education. To continue giving back to the community, she wants to volunteer in areas where access to education is limited. She would love to travel to Egypt, India, and Santorini, Greece, one day.

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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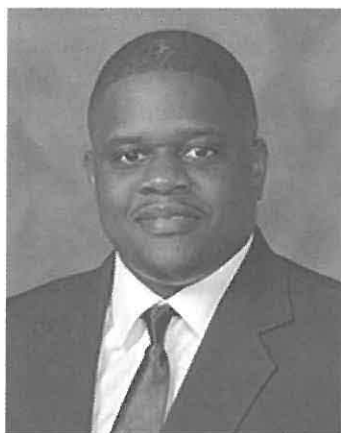
Sarah Beth Kane, a medical sonography major, is from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She attended the Leading Edge in Diagnostic Ultrasound Conference in 2017 and the International Symposium on Endovascular Therapy in 2018. She volunteered at Nova Southeastern University's CommunityFest, helping educate other students about the medical sonography program. She has participated in several NSU-sponsored events aimed at fund-raising for her program. She has also mentored her fellow students, helping to guide them through the program.

Currently, Kane works as a lab assistant for NSU. She plans to begin her career in medical sonography while attending graduate school at NSU and hopes to teach in her field in the future.

RON AND KATHY ASSAF COLLEGE OF NURSING



Yolanda Iseke, a nursing major, is from Rochester, New York. Raised in New York, she relocated to Florida in 2002 and began her nursing career in 2012. She is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Theta Tau honor societies. In 2018, Iseke became the director of nursing at the McGregor Clinic, specializing in HIV/AIDS care. She has also participated in several fund-raisers for the McGregor Clinic and has volunteered for the American Red Cross. Iseke plans to pursue a Master of Science degree in Nursing Informatics.



Uriah Jean-Baptiste has been a student in the Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing since 2015. During Jean-Baptiste's two-year tenure with NSU, he has been involved with many organizations and has been an astonishing student leader. Jean-Baptiste—with the help of faculty and staff members and students—organized and collected supplies for the children of Haiti, provided gifts to children from less-fortunate homes during the holidays via the Angel Tree Christmas Foundation, collected bras and towels for homeless and women's shelters, participated in food drives, and performed hospital visits locally. While working with NSU, Jean-Baptiste has been a key component of various events such as A Day for Children, Relay for Life, and CommunityFest. Jean-Baptiste thinks NSU is special because of its ability to bring out the best in its students, providing them with all the tools to be great.

FARQUHAR HONORS COLLEGE



Rhea Simone Brown, a nursing major, is from Kingston, Jamaica. She was a member of the Dual Admission Program and a student in the Farquhar Honors College. Since this year she has been a member of the Oncology Nursing Society, the Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society, the Alpha Chi Honor Society, and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. With the assistance of Professor Molly Scanlon, Ph.D., she presented at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in 2015. Her presentation was titled “Don’t Let the Government into Bed with You.” Under the guidance of Nicole Laing, Ph.D., she presented on smoking cessation and “Modifiable Lifestyle Changes of Hypertension, Prevention/Management of Type II Diabetes Mellitus, and Sexually Transmitted Disease” in 2017. In 2016, Brown did a presentation on gestational diabetes under the guidance of Professor Lisa Soontupe, Ed.D., R.N.

In 2015, she participated in a study abroad program in London with Ed Stieve, Ph.D. Her experiences at the Florence Nightingale museum and the Hunterian museum gave her a better understanding of the origins of medicine and how far we have come in the field, as well as better understanding of the myths of medicine. In 2017, under the guidance of Professor Nicole Laing, Ph.D., Brown traveled back home to Jamaica on a medical mission trip with the Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing. She felt that the trip made her feel like a nurse. Being able to assess and educate people from her home country convinced her she was doing the right thing to positively impact the world.

Brown continues to serve various communities through her volunteer work. She served as a volunteer for Nova Southeastern University’s A Day for Children in 2015 and the Northwest Gardens I, Sistrunk Community in 2017. Since 2016, she has been a private English/math/science tutor for Team of Tutors and a Medical Surgical I (2017) and Pathophysiology (2016) mentor for the Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing. She served as the publications and marketing chair for NSU’s Relay for Life from 2012 to 2014. Since 2012, Brown has been a music therapy community instructor for Solutions in Music, Inc. While volunteering, she has also worked for Alumni Relations in NSU’s Department of Annual Giving 2014–2016 and was social media coordinator for the Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing. In 2015, she received awards from the Department of Annual Giving for Most Enthusiastic Student Employee, Most Competitive Student Employee, and Highest Grossing Student Employee. Also in 2015, she received the Distinguished Student Scholar and the First in Week Honors awards from the Farquhar Honors College, receiving her general Honors Citation in 2018 from the same college.

Brown is waiting to start her Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Florida Atlantic University and will be working as a hematology-oncology and bone marrow transplant nurse at Memorial West Hospital. She hopes to own her own health clinic in Kingston, Jamaica, to provide primary prevention services for local families. Brown plans to be a very active alumna and wants to start a Changing Lives Scholarship in her son’s name for single mothers in the nursing program at NSU. Her son was born in December 2015, four days after Brown completed her final exam for pre-nursing classes. In January 2016, she began the nursing program. She credits her success to the ability to balance being a mother, working full time, and attending school and could not have done it without the support of faculty members and her peers. It is for these reasons she wants to establish the scholarship in the future.

H. WAYNE HUIZENGA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Josie Lynn Phelps, a business administration major, is from Fort Myers, Florida. She has been a member of the Tau Sigma National Honor Society and the Golden Key International Honor Society since 2016. She is also a member of the Florida Eta Chapter of the Alpha Chi Honor Society (2017). In 2015, she received the Diamond Leadership Award. She has volunteered for Remote Area Medical and Caleb's Crusade Against Childhood Cancer.

Phelps has a full-time career with Comcast Cable as a business operations manager for Florida Care. She is a member of the Florida Chapter of Women in Cable Telecommunications. A mother of two daughters, ages 18 and 21, her plans include obtaining a master's degree in business administration.

FACULTY MARSHALS

In the academic procession at baccalaureate commencements, degree candidates from the colleges are accompanied by faculty marshals chosen from among the full-time faculty within those colleges. The word "marshal" derives from the Old High German words *marah*, meaning "horse" and *schalh*, meaning "servant," and originally meant "stable keeper." As marshals became trustworthy members of medieval courts, however, the title took on the designation of an honor and many became hereditary. In modern pageantry, marshals (often of the "Grand" variety) lead parades. In American universities, marshals lead processions or accompany parts of them, as is the case at Nova Southeastern University. The marshal of the academic procession, ordinarily a member of the board of trustees, leads all parties to the commencement, bearing the university mace.

MORNING CEREMONY

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AFTERNOON CEREMONY

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ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Ceremonial garments worn at academic functions take their meaning from the original centers of learning of the western world in the church of the Middle Ages. Caps, hoods, and gowns of the early students and monks have been held through the centuries to be traditionally symbolic of the scholarly devotion so basic to education and to the deliberate and orderly evolution of knowledge.

The introduction of classical studies, the gradual rise of the great universities across Europe, and the ever-increasing awareness of the decisive role of education in the entire development of civilization influenced leaders among academicians in their desire for a singular identity. In the attempt to create this differentiation, educators fell upon the medieval system of classic heraldry, whereby the coat of arms, assorted ornamental trappings, and patterns of colorful design had been adopted to denote the distinctive character of designated chivalric orders. The function of a pedagogical heraldry became, then, simply identification. As such, measures were taken to signify, through distinctive markings on the academicians' attire, the institution that had granted the degree, the field of learning in which the degree had been earned, and the level of the degree, e.g., bachelor's, master's, or doctorate.

Of the three pieces of academic attire—the cap, the gown, and the hood—it is the hood that offers the most abundant and most readily discernible information about its owner. The inner lining of the hood identifies the institution at which the individual earned the degree. Some schools have adopted two-color patterns and introduced chevrons and bars in various designs to set themselves apart from other institutions. The velvet trim bordering the hood indicates the major field of learning, or faculty, in which the degree has been earned. A final feature of the hood concerns its length and width and distinguishes further between holders of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. The length of the hood for the bachelor's degree is three feet, closed at the bottom, and with a velvet border of two inches. At Nova Southeastern University, however, individuals receiving a bachelor's degree do not wear a hood. A master's degree holder has a hood three-and-one-half feet in length with a three-inch-wide border, and the hood is slit at the bottom. Those individuals with a doctoral degree wear a hood four feet in length, open at the bottom with a five-inch border.

The cut of the gown aids in differentiating between the three levels of degrees. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple and falls in straight lines from an elaborate yoke. It may be recognized most readily by the long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is somewhat fuller and bears no adornment. The sleeves are oblong in shape and open at the wrist, with the rear part of the oblong square cut while the front edge has a cutaway arc. The doctor's gown is more elaborate, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck of the garment. The sleeves are bell-shaped at the end and have three bars of the same material as the front panels at the upper portion of the arm. It is cut rather fully and may be ornamental in color.

The mortarboard or Oxford-type cap has been adopted throughout most universities in the United States, although tams have become increasingly fashionable to denote holders of the doctoral degree. Colored tassels are usually worn by holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees. These denote the field of learning.

The color, indeed the flamboyance, of academic dress undoubtedly adds to the sense of occasion at academic ceremonies. But as its historical roots show, it has a much deeper significance. It is an outward sign of the universality of universities, and of their responsibility for certain timeless values essential to the freedom of inquiry: tolerance of alternative views and courage in maintaining one's own tirelessness in the pursuit of truth and the free exchange of knowledge. Its wearing marks also the responsibility of the new graduate to maintain and uphold these ideals. These fundamentals of academic freedom have not been threatened in this country for more than 200 years, but the importance attached to the donning of traditional academic dress was underlined in recent years by scholars from Central and Eastern Europe; during the Cold War, their use of academic robes became a symbol of their refusal to be dominated completely by political forces and the state, and symbolized their persistent links to the worldwide community of scholars. Thus, the wearing of academic dress should be seen not simply as a sign of achievement, but as a symbol of the responsibility that falls on all members of universities.

HONORS

Students wear cords, pins, sashes, and medallions that reflect institutional and national academic honors as well as campus leadership, service, and engagement.

The following academic honors are reflected by specific regalia as noted below:

- ◆ Alpha Chi, recognizing the top 10 percent of students in each major by a medallion with a blue and green ribbon
- ◆ Alpha Eta, recognizing students in the allied health programs by a green honor cord
- ◆ Alpha Kappa Delta, recognizing students in sociology by a turquoise honor cord
- ◆ Alpha Phi Sigma, recognizing students in criminal justice by a blue and gold cord, sash, or medallion
- ◆ Beta Beta Beta, recognizing students in biology by a red and green cord
- ◆ Kappa Delta Pi, recognizing students in education by a jade green and violet cord or stole
- ◆ Lambda Epsilon Chi, recognizing students in paralegal/legal assistant studies by a purple sash
- ◆ Lambda Pi Eta, recognizing students in communication studies by a red and white cord
- ◆ Omicron Delta Kappa, recognizing student leadership by a white, black, and light blue cord
- ◆ Phi Kappa Phi, recognizing the top 10 percent of students in each major by a medallion with a blue ribbon
- ◆ Psi Chi, recognizing students in psychology by a platinum and dark blue cord
- ◆ Rho Rho Rho, recognizing students in marine biology by a dark blue and light blue cord
- ◆ Sigma Beta Delta, recognizing students in business, management, and administration by a green and yellow cord, stole, and medallion
- ◆ Sigma Tau Delta, recognizing students in English, literature, and writing by a scarlet and black cord
- ◆ Sigma Theta Tau, recognizing students in nursing by a purple and white cord and stole

- ◆ Commencement Honors, recognizing students holding a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or higher by a gold cord
- ◆ Honors in Major, recognizing students holding a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or higher who have completed a senior year, honors-quality project in their discipline by an antique silver medallion with a blue ribbon
- ◆ Honors College, recognizing students graduating from the Farquhar Honors College by a blue, gold, and white cord
- ◆ General Citation in Honors, recognizing students in all majors who have fulfilled course and grade requirements in the Farquhar Honors College by a silver medallion with a blue ribbon
- ◆ Research Citation in Honors, recognizing students in all majors who have fulfilled thesis, course, and grade requirements in the Farquhar Honors College by a gold medallion with a blue ribbon

PROCESSIONAL BANNERS (GONFALONS)

The gonfalon, a banner that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias, and many use them to identify and lead colleges and schools within the university in academic procession. The gonfalons represent the university and the various academic colleges of Nova Southeastern University.

The lower half of the gonfalon consists of the university insignia in various permutations. On the upper half is the name of a particular academic division of the university, along with a diagonal stripe in the color of that division's principal discipline.

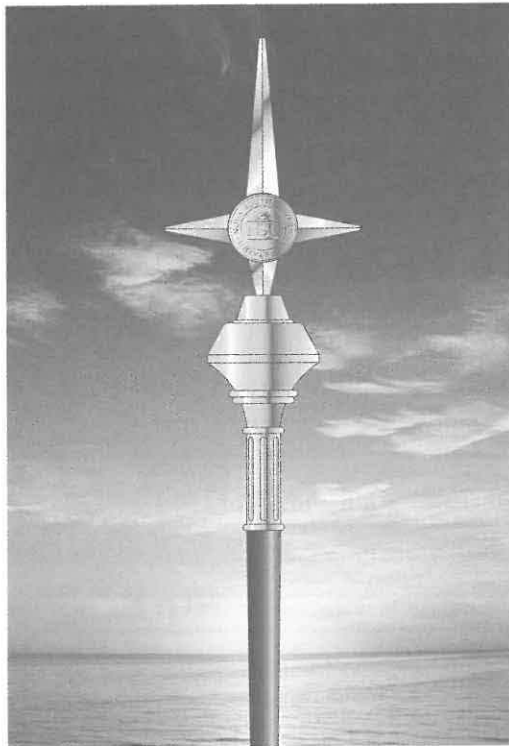
Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White
Accountancy, Business.....	Drab
Dentistry	Lilac
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts	Brown
Law	Purple
Medicine.....	Green
Nursing.....	Apricot
Music.....	Pink
Optometry.....	Sea Foam Green
Oratory (Speech).....	Silver Gray
Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Podiatry-Chiropractic.....	Nile Green
Public Administration, Human Services, and Criminal Justice	Peacock Blue
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Science	Cream

MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was an effective weapon in battle and also was displayed as a symbol to command order during royal gatherings, religious ceremonies, and university classes. As newer and more powerful military arms were created, however, the mace progressed into a symbol of authority and today is frequently used to lead religious and academic processions.

The mace was originally a wooden staff carried by royal messengers as a symbol to preserve order and usher royal functions. The early wooden staff of such royal messengers or lead ushers of ceremonial processions was transformed in the 14th century into an elaborate sterling silver mace. Eventually, in the 15th century, it evolved into a symbol of academic excellence and dignity.

THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MACE



Before its merger in 1994 with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences, Nova University's mace bore a sterling silver "nova star" symbolizing the university's name and mission. Symbolically, Nova University's "nova star" burned brightly, providing educational enlightenment to the world. Today, a new sterling silver mace highlights the past, present, and future through the inclusion of the original "nova star" representing the university's past, surrounding the NSU seal. When not in official use, the mace is displayed in the rotunda of the William and Norma Horvitz Administration Building.

In Latin, *nova* means new or innovative. Nova Southeastern University was created to be an innovative educational institution—to take the best of traditional education from the past and mold it to fit the needs of students for today and tomorrow.



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